dustry in the country is facing demand recession and that it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to market their production;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the demand recession, Government continues to import lakhs of tonnes of newsprint annually, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to stabilise the paper industry in the country?

THE MINISTER- OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and b) The production of paper and paper board in the country at present, more or less matches consumption. Since, however, the production of newsprint is not adequate to meet the demand for this item, imports have to be resorted to.

(c) The following fiscal and other concessions have been extended to enable the paper Industry to increase production and capacity utilisation:—

(1) New units commissioned between 1.4.79 and 31.3.1987 are exempted from excise duty upto 50 per cent for 5 years.

(2) Paper containing not less than 75 per cent by weight of bagasse is exempted from whole of excise duty.

(3) Small paper mills utilising unconventional raw materials are eligible for excise concession to the extent of 50 per cent.

(4) Import of wood PulP. chips and waste paper placed under OGL and customs duty thereon waived.

(5) Import of wood log placed on OGL and concessional customs duty charged.

(6) Flexibility allowed to the industry to manufacture and variety of paper/paper-board within the overall licensed capacity.

(7) The requirement of Industrial license has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residue, waste and bagasse and manufacture of cotton seed linter pulp.

Computerising Court Management

1492. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to computerise court management in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

EIOB digital telephone exchanges

1493. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to stats:

(a) whether Government *Uu\z* decided to modify the French EIOB digital telephone exchanges to improve their working and to suit them to Indian conditions;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the modifications sought to be made and to make the EIOB exchange equipment workable in tha Indian environment;

(c) the joint programmes formulated with the French counterparts for the production and testing of components at the Indian Telephone Industries and training of Indian personnel in handling of this highly sophisticated technique; and

(d) whether the Department of Telecommunications is likely to shed some of the tasks with a view to concentrating its attention on introducing new technologies and methods and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA):

(a) and (b) The performance of the E-10B exchanges commissioned so far in India is being closely evaluated and monitored with a view to establish the need or otherwise of updating or modifications in the system. So far no major modification have been necessary.

(c) The programme jointly agreed for the production and testing of components is made up of;

(1) Furnishing complete documentation by the collaborator for design, processes and tesaing;

(2) Training of Indian engineers both in France in their works and in India;

(3) Technical assistance at site in setting up the factory and in operating it.

(d) No, Sir.

आयशर और एस्कॉर्टस द्वारा निर्मित ट्रैक्टर

1494. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आयशर और एस्कार्टस कम्पनी द्वारा निर्मित ट्रैक्टरों की सही जांच पड़ताल नहीं की गई है जिसके कारण उनमें काफी तकनीकी गड़बड़ी है, क्या सरकार इसकी स्थलजांच करने का विचार रखती है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि आयशर ट्रैक्टर पंकीली कड़ी मिट्टी के लिए उपयुक्त नहीं है फिर भी उस (पंकीले) क्षेत्र में इसकी बिक्री की जा रही है; और

(ग) क्या इसकी स्थल जांच करवाने तक सरकार उस क्षेत्र में इसकी बिक्री तथा उत्पादन पर रोक लगाने का विचार रखती है ?

औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

सरताज ट्रैक्टरों का उत्पादन

1495. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्रालय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब ट्रैक्टर्स लिमिटेड, चंडीगढ़ द्वारा सरताज ट्रैक्टरों का उत्पादन बन्द कर दिया गया है, यदि हां, तो उसका कितना उत्पादन हो चुका था जो किसानों के हाथ बेचा गया;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि कड़ी पंकीली मिट्टी तथा चौर और दियारे के लिए यह ट्रैक्टर उपयुक्त नहीं था, जिस कारण उस क्षेत्र के किसानों को भारी नुकसान उठाना पडा; और

(ग) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में स्थल जांच पर जाकर किसानों से पूछताछ किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और क्या किसानों को क्षतिपूर्ति दिलवाने की व्यवस्था करेंगे, और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) जी, नहीं, । किन्तु 1983 में ब्रांड नाम बदल कर "स्वराज 720" कर दिया गया था । पिछले 2–1/2 वर्षों में स्वराज 720 के उत्पादन और बिक्री के आंकडे नीचे दिए जाते हैं :—

(संख्या)

	उत्पादन	बिक्री
1983–84	1491	1750
1984–85	1938	1724
1985–86 (अप्रैल-सितम्बर)	702	651